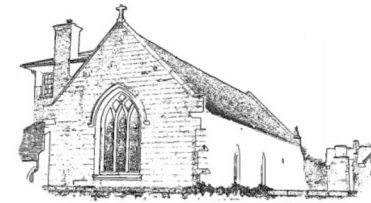




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Times of Holy Mass and Intentions (YEAR C Readings)

Sunday 3 March

8.30 am -
10.30 am -

Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day for the unemployed.
Jean Wilcox R.I.P.
For the People of The Parish

Monday 4 March

9.00 am -

Feria in Ordinary Time

Holy Souls

Tuesday 5 March

9.00 am -

Feria in Ordinary Time

Mrs Mary Torras R.I.P.

Wednesday 6 March

9.00 am -
9.30 am -
7.00 pm -

Ash Wednesday

Mr Edward Eastwood R.I.P.
Discussion Group (please see note below)
Private Intention

Thursday 7 March

11.30 am -

Thursday after Ash Wednesday

Commemoration of Ss Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs
Private Intention

Friday 8 March

11.30 am -

Friday after Ash Wednesday

Commemoration of St John of God, Religious
Tom Wilcox R.I.P.

Saturday 9 March

10.00 am -

Saturday after Ash Wednesday

Commemoration of St Frances or Rome, Religious
Doreen Millard R.I.P.

Sunday 10 March

8.30 am -
10.30 am -

Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day of Prayer for Vocations
For the People of The Parish
Joseph Dowdall (100th birthday thanksgiving)

THE SACRED SEASON OF LENT

On Wednesday we begin our solemn observance of Lent. There will be two Masses during which the ashes will be blessed and will be put on our heads as a sign of conversion, penance and as a reminder of our mortality. Far from being a merely external act, the Church has retained the use of ashes to symbolise that attitude of internal penance to which the baptised are called during Lent. Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat for all who are over 14 years (abstinence) and those over 18 (fasting). If we are over 60 years we are excused fasting but not abstinence. I hope we will all enter into the spirit of Lent and do something special for Lent as a reminder of what Jesus did for us during this blessed time.

Fr. John

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The Wednesday Word Trust leaflets are available from the table in the porch or may be downloaded from: <http://www.wednesdayword.org/parish/index.htm> (click on The Parish Version) either for your personal use at home or in anticipation of the **GROUP DISCUSSION** on **WEDNESDAY MORNINGS**. The informal discussion group is led by Fr John and is open to everyone. Do come along for a coffee and an exchange of ideas!

Anniversaries in March: Rev John Marsden (1824), Ann Parkes (1863), Joseph Chare (1865), Rev John Brownlow (1888), Philip Alfred Haskew (1897), William Benedick Oakley (1908), Henry Mercer (1974), Anna Newton Keenan (1992), Ernest Godwin (1993), Ann Kiley (2004), Martin Amphlett (2013), Geraldine Pritchard (2017), Aubrey Campbell (2018), Tom Wilcox (2018), Anthony Francis-Flores (2018)

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Millard R.I.P. who died recently. Michael was the son of Doreen & Bernard Millard.

Prayers for the sick: Denis Conway, Kathleen Clark, Anthony Mitchell, Jeannie Morrison, Charles Paice, Michael Bird.

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sunday 3 March Stephen Fox, Helen Raphael
Mary Meese, Jean Lloyd
Sunday 10 March Paul Walmsley, Bridget Robson
Elizabeth Mountford, Carla Tucker

Readers:

Sunday 3 March Anne Carter
The Brown Family
Sunday 10 March Sheila Hall
Anne Taylor

Church Cleaners:

Friday 8 March Helen Burn, Stella Painter & Judith Smith
Friday 15 March Anne Carter & Brian Hogg

Money Counters:

For the 3 March collection Mr & Mrs T Greenfield
For the 10th March collection Marie Hesketh & Julie Charuk

Contributions to the Parish:

Weekly Offertory taken on Sunday 24 February

Gift Aid Direct Debits	£259.00
Gift Aid Envelopes	£173.50
Loose cash	£164.36

Second collection taken on 24 Feb for the charity *Aid to the Church In Need*: £643
(Donations may still be made today and will be forwarded to the charity this week)

SAFEGUARDING OFFICER: Mrs J Lloyd - 01562 754448

- If you would like to speak to someone about Diocesan safeguarding and the Church's work, please call **0121 230 6240**.
- If you would like to speak to someone independent of the Church you can contact the NSPCC on **0800 800 5000**.

HEALTH & SAFETY OFFICER: Mr M Dawson

EMERGENCY EXIT: Via sacristy and through the house



BRING & BUY BAKE SALE today, **SUNDAY 3 MARCH** in the stable after both Masses. Please support the efforts of all the contributors and take the opportunity to buy a pre-Lent treat!

The **CRAFT GROUP** will meet in the stable on **TUESDAY 5 MARCH** at **7pm** with socks as requested! We are also appealing to parishioners for small ceramic pots, suitable for bulbs and small baskets for flower arrangements.



Our regular **FOOD BANK** collection is next **SUNDAY, 10 MARCH**. The organisers tell us they are very short of custard and jam and also are in urgent need of shampoo, deodorant and toothpaste. Stocks are low on orange squash and juice, small jars/packs of coffee, small packets of sugar. There is a need for small tins of cold meat (not corned beef) and tinned hot dogs, tinned pasta e.g. macaroni cheese, ravioli etc. also tinned fruit and rice pudding. If preferred cash donations are welcome.

Calling Christian Walkers ...

Celebrate Easter and the Lord's Resurrection by taking an **EMMAUS WALK** on **SATURDAY 27 APRIL 2019**

This sponsored walk, organised by The Friends of the Holy Land, is a walk to St Mary's Harvington starting at different places chosen as they are approximately an Emmaus distance away including Stourbridge, Stourport, Bromsgrove, Cutnall Green and Kidderminster (these last two being a little shorter). **Registration and Sponsorship Forms will be available** locally by **17 MARCH** or by application to Gail and Stephen Brown or Anne and Jim Quinn



The St Mary's Harvington Events Committee invite us all to join a **'BLUEBELL WALK'** on **TUESDAY 30 APRIL**. Leaving Harvington at 10.00am joining up with those who would rather start in Chaddesly at 10.45am, arriving at Rowberry's Tea rooms 12.30/1.00pm approx. when others are welcome to join the walkers for refreshments.



TABOR HOUSE, Birmingham's only permanent night shelter, is looking for volunteers to help. Please see the poster in the porch for further details.



GIFT AID is the Government's scheme for enabling churches and charities to reclaim tax paid on donations. Tax paid on income, capital gains and savings all qualify and can be reclaimed on any donation from a UK taxpayer making a valid declaration. The loose cash donations made by our generous parishioners each week does not fully qualify for Gift Aid but those made by either Bank transfer or given as cash in a gift aid envelope mean the parish benefit by at least an additional 25% of the donation. Do consider joining the scheme, the process is very straight forward. Please contact Amalia Constanzo in the Parish office: stmarysrc.harvington@gmail.com